

East Surrey Association of Cricket Umpires & Scorers

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on September 30th 2008 at 3pm at Peter's house.

Present: Steve Hodge - Chairman
Peter Turner - Secretary & Treasurer
John Flatley - Webmaster
Andrew Etherington - Instructor
Bernard Wright - Social Secretary

Apologies: Fred Imms (in Cyprus) and Lorraine Elgar (emergency at work).

52/08 The **Minutes** of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

53/08 **Matters Arising** from Minutes 40-51/08.

a) ref: 42/08(a) John Smith has confirmed that he holds one copy in stock of Tom Smith. It is not yet clear whether ESACUS will need to buy more as there is a possibility that the ECB will provide one in the Training pack for level 1 candidates.

b) ref: 42/08(b) Steve has not yet started chasing members up for their unpaid subs, so the lapsing of members will be dealt with at the AGM.

c) ref: 46/08 Peter reported that he had forwarded the names of ESACUS' three instructors to David Edwards (via Graham Cooper) for ECB training.

Andrew enlarged on the programme in that Jeremy Beckwith will be the one suggested by ESACUS as the ECB will only allow Surrey to have one instructor trained in their first batch during late 2008. The Level 2 training is to a national standard across officials in all sports rather than just cricket and the instructors are required to be taught accordingly.

d) ref: 51/08 Peter reported that the last ESCT Final was won by Ealing playing at home against Sunbury on August 14th after the game at the Oval had been washed out. The players had passed complimentary comments on the umpires' control of the game. If any competition takes place next year, David Willis has intimated that the umpires' remuneration will be reduced. The match fee will remain at £30, but there will be no standby fee, and the umpires will only receive half the fee if they travel but the game does not take place. The Committee expressed its disappointment at this move and suggested that umpires may prove reluctant to officiate if they are to run the risk of financial loss. It is also out of line with practice in most major competitions.

Finance.

54/08 *Banks balances* are: Lloyds TSB: £1139.64; Cash: 75p; Halifax: £2049.

55/08 *I & E Report.* Peter tabled the Income and Expenditure figures for the year (today is our accounting end of year) which were examined, queried and amended. It was clear that the association has made a significant surplus during the year. The accounts will now be prepared for examination by Peter Gale ready for the AGM.

56/08 *Budget.* Peter presented the proposed budget for the next year. It was discussed and approved.

Training.

57/08 *October course.* Andrew confirmed arrangements for this "Intermediate Umpires' Course" which will take place at Caterham School on October 18th and 19th. The fee is £20 and the instructors have been briefed. It will be an amended version of the former ACU&S GL5 course. Due to a clash of dates, Graham may not be available, having to attend an ECB Instructor Training course.

It appears as if about 10 will attend this course, 6 already having paid and three more having firmly committed themselves.

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- 58/08 *Spring course 2009.* This will take place at Caterham School during the half-term holiday on February 14th and 15th. It will be a new examinable course, developed by Graham Cooper in conjunction with ECBOA. The Surrey Cricket Board on behalf of the ECB may provide candidate packs, including a copy of Tom Smith. If this happens, the subsidy to local associations will probably be reduced. This course, also being run by West Surrey, with its examination, is an ECBOA pilot for eventual roll out throughout the country. The examination will be on a separate evening. The pass mark will be 80%, but the exam will probably be easier and less controversial than the old GL6 exam. It is designed to equip umpires to officiate in lower levels of cricket before they progress to Premier League and above.
- 59/08 *Presentation by Nick Cousins.* John Smith and Graham Cooper had attended the recent presentation, reports of which have been circulated. Andrew commented that the salient feature was “if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it”! So associations are encouraged to continue with their GL6 courses until such time as the ECBOA has developed its own course and exam. ECBOA will recognise such courses and qualification until then. Exams are to be conducted by the course instructors.
The new GL2 course and exam are being designed to teach people to officiate in all sports, with emphasis placed on field assessment by trained assessors.
For the course to be accredited, all instructors have to be trained according to strict criteria. Former ACU&S instructors are being invited to apply for such training, but it will take several years to complete.
The MCC has been asked to review and update Tom Smith.
- Webmaster.**
- 60/08 John presented his usual written report and record of hits on the ESACUS website. He was congratulated on the attractive format he had designed. He has renewed the ESACUS subscription at a cost of £58.75.
It was agreed that the website should publicize the new MCC Law 6 concerning the Bat which comes into force tomorrow.
- Report from SCBACO.**
- 61/08 John reported on the ECB’s regional Forum which had taken place at the Brit Oval on August 20th. Arrangements are being made for elections for ECBOA and the format of future AGMs was debated. Nothing specific seems to have been decided.
- Future Programme.**
- 62/08 *AGM.* Peter reported that SNCC has confirmed the availability of their clubhouse for our meeting from 7.30 pm on Thursday, November 6th. The bar will be open. Bernard will arrange refreshments and cater for 20 people. There will be neither raffle nor entry charge.
The agenda will include the web master’s report, lapsing of members whose subscriptions have not been paid for 2007-08, and revisions to the Constitution as well as the usual items. Steve has been unable to contact Subba Row so it was decided to hold a quiz, which Steve will organise, after the business part of the evening. It was agreed to offer to the winners three prizes, which John will arrange, with a value of £25.
Peter will write a newsletter with these details including the agenda to be sent in the middle of October.
- 63/08 *Constitution.* There was a detailed discussion on the changes required in the Constitution most of which arise from the demise of the ACU&S. It was noted that the position of Vice Chairman is a requirement at present and the Committee decided to retain it, even though it is at present vacant. There are four positions to be voted for at every AGM, namely, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The Association is now affiliated to SCBACO and reference to ICUS should be deleted.
Peter will draft the necessary revisions and circulate them to the Committee for comment before they are published in the newsletter.

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- 64/08 *Elections.* All on the Committee offered themselves for re-election as follows:
- i) Chairman: Steve Hodge Proposed by Peter, seconded by Andrew.
 - ii) Vice Chairman: Lorraine (if willing) Proposed by John, seconded by Bernard.
 - iii) Secretary: John Flatley Proposed by Peter, seconded by Steve.
 - iv) Treasurer: Peter Turner Proposed by Andrew, seconded by Steve.
 - v) Members: Andrew Etherington, Bernard Wright, John Flatley and Fred Imms.

65/08 *Future events.* In view of the lateness of the hour, discussion on these items is deferred to the next meeting.

Date of next meeting.

66/08 The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 19th 2008 at 3 pm at Andrew's house in Oxted.

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67/08 There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 6.30 pm with thanks to Peter in anticipation of the repast on offer.

Peter Turner	Confirmed
Hon. Secretary	Date
October 3 rd 2008.		